Talks with naxalites of PWG

137. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to initiate talks with Naxalites belonging to People's War Group to bring about peace in Andhra Pradesh and neighbouring States on the pattern of talks now in progress between Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and Sri Lankan Government;

(b) if not, whether this vexed problems will be taken up in near future; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) According to available information, several rounds of talks had been held between the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and a representative of the CPML-PW during June, 2002. However, following an encounter with police, the outfit withdrew from talks. No other State Government is reported to have taken any concrete steps to intiate a dialogue with the CPML-PW.

Meeting of PWG with ISI

138. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether representatives of People's War Group (PWG) and Pakistani ISI reportedly met in Nepal/Bihar borders in October, 2002;

(b) the outcome of the meeting as per intelligence report; and

(c) whether extremists violence has been stepped up after that meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The Central Government has no information regarding such a meeting.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.